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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY OF FINANCE CESAR VIRATA SEPTEMBER 28. FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF US POSITION ON THE ISSUE, EMBASSY OFFICER SOUGHT VIRATA'S VIEWS ON GOP APPROACH.

2. VIRATA STATED THAT ALTHOUGH GOP HAD IN PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETINGS APPROVED THE PROCEDURE OF REFERRING THE QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (EDS), GOP COULD NO LONGER TREAT THE MATTER IN THE SAME WAY. GOP NOW HAS FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, AND CAN HAVE NO OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN OR SUPPORT ITS CAUSE IN THE IMF/IBRD. IF GOP FAILED TO SUPPORT THE PRC IN THIS ISSUE, SAID VIRATA, THE PRC WOULD "SCREAM TO HIGH HEAVEN."

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3. VIRATA SAID THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THE

PRC WANTS TO JOIN THE FUND OR BANK, BUT THOUGHT THAT THEY SURELY WANT THE ROC OUT. HE RECALLED THAT AT NAIROBI, PRC DELEGATES HAD CITED A UNGA RESOLUTION, ASKING WHY IT WAS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED. VIRATA HAS RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC INDICATION THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT A CHALLENGE IS POSSIBLE. IF IT DOES COME UP, VIRATA THOUGHT THAT THE ROC "WILL CERTAINLY BE DEFEATED," IN VIEW OF THE HANDFUL OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

4. ACCORDING TO VIRATA, GOP WOULD PREFER THAT THE ISSUE NOT COME UP DURING THE MEETINGS. ESPECIALLY AS HOST, GOP WOULD LIKE TO AVOID AN "EXPLOSION." VIRATA SAID THAT HE HAS ADVISED THE ROC TO ASSUME A LOW PROFILE DURING THE MEETINGS -- NOT TO EXERCISE ITS VOTE AND NOT TO HOST ANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. VIRATA DID NOT INDICATE HOW THE ROC HAD REACTED TO THIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US HERE IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE RESUME OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED ON THIS ISSUE AT IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS IN RECENT YEARS. (EMBASSY'S FILES ARE SPARSE IN THIS REGARD).
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